Dear Walt, Byun + Hilbert au Hilb dule letter 1/21/94 2011 664-8704

I've thought a bit about the questions you asked. I think most of time are not the best for Hal's San Fr ancisco audience with which in the past I've had much contact. It is a wifelent audience

Prease think about just letting me talk and you dubbing the ap ropriate questions in later. Which wou then can do without the pauses and uhs.

Hyae yourquestions and when I finish ask any I've not covered.

I think that by and large that audience has a different interest in the history part and that for it it should be handled in a different way.

That area has been subjected to more crap than any area of which - know. And to more shows in the past.

When I made appearances that hal arranged for me there in December #1966 a single, y bookstore sold out all 250 copies of my second book it had in a single day. Can 4 / cha war so I think I know how to approach a San Ffancisco audience effectively.

It is Hal's show even though you are doing the interviewing for him.

So let me talk about him and let the rest come from that, as you have no way of lmowing.

Please think about this. and if I've forgotten remind me of it. In haste, Hairle

I wrote this in Aaste before leaving for my early-morning walking. I then had time to give it more thought. I do not know Hal's format but I think what - believe would make the best show can fit any format. So much came to mind, so much that you have no way of knowing, that I think will make an excellent show if I just reminisce on it, with no interruptions or with questions later dubbed in, although I think that will be unnecessary if not not as good, So much that Hal and I were involved in together. Like the night one of Oswald's friends, as destinguished from Marines with wham he served, phoned and Hal was in the control room and took the call and held it for me until the show was over, when that man talked to me and was by first source on what I have since proven, that Oswald had had a Crypto clearance. Which Posner knew and pretended he did not know, again with Hal involved. Or the night all others cancelled out whe there was a bomb threat and Hal and I went to that early Joe olan show and did the whole thing. Unbombed. Or those fine shows with was it hereanthe name will come to me - when he was on KCBS radio. Wonder ful, wonde ful wife udy, beautiful little boy, always point one night with them. On it one night a young man called in and started to re-bait me. Hal wanted to cut if off but I insisted on going ahead. There was h no basis to what he was spouting off about, he admit ed he had no personal knowledge

of it, and when I showed him down and he pooped out there was a standing room only crowd at the Hall of the Floers for an appearance with the guy who started Ramparts, leading and there were a few Ivy-league types in the audience with tape recorders. That was the first show I did with harv, not Hal. Whever I was there I did t and we got to be such good friedness that whenver he had a cold or landingitis Judy would phone me and I would pretty much ad lib those three hours with an acc occasional Agrunt for Harv, who have what voice he had for the commercials.

It is Hal's show and I'd like to get as much in about him for has audience and the success and coeptability of his show as possible and I think it would be a natural and while perhaps no acceptable from a young man acceptable from an octogenarian. And there will be enough on the assassination that will be in it automatically. But the younger people have no way of knowing those things and the older ones who may remember them and those days will enjoy recall ing. There were even interesting parts to the all-night should did with him toson when he had that saturnday nights on the Metromedia FM station.

Other things from 100 come to mind, including some Hal arranged with Owen Spann.

And a human-interest story involving its then manager whos name I remember as Lee Raschhalf and who was always good to me, as he said because he remembers that when he makere was a UP reporter In Maskington I, beat his pants off on a story exposing mazi cartels.

I think it will calce Hal an unique and exciting show and that it will also be a good oral history. Of which I'd want a dub for archival purposes.

The Bay area was, in my experience most receptive to and fair to critics with the number over go d.

I forgot above that the young man who tried to red-bait me on that Marv Norgan show I later learned was then an FBI symbol informer. I have The records I got them from the FBI. And that can leed into all the records I got and how. Other intersting and perhaps exciting things will undoubtedly come to mind. So I duggest that you just tur me loose after an intro something like this and let the tape run: "You know Hal, Vdrb from way back, I understand. Please tell us about that." If it runs longer than an hour let it and "al can edit it, but - think it will meek, from the reactins I've gotten when some on TV have done that, a show that will be liked. I'll send a copy to Hal do he can let you know what he thinks. Now for work I've let slide.

With our best,

Harrile